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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),  
 is a Continuation application of PCT International Application  
 No. PCT/JP01/10899 filed on December 12, 2001.

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For: SHREDDERED TOBACCO FEEDING APPARATUS FOR A CIGARETTE  
 MANUFACTURING MACHINE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-one (21) pages
- ☒ Four (4) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2001-085113 filed in JAPAN on March 23, 2001.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/10899 filed on December 12, 2001 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
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